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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on March 17, 2005, has been withdrawn. A new non-final Office Action was mailed from the USPTO on July 5, 2005. This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action, and is submitted within the three month non-fee reply period set by the non-final Office action of July 5, 2005. Therefore, Applicants believe no extension fees are due for consideration of this paper; however, if any fees are due, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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